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1. A majority of the top Rumanian Communists may eventually be tried by Soviet authorities on charges of lack of activity during World War II. On several occasions, Soviet officials have already expressed their dissatisfaction with the Rumanian Communist Party for its supine attitude at that time.
2. There are two reasons why the Russians have delayed taking any action in this direction. First, the Rumanian Communists, aware that such action is likely to be taken against them some day, are zealous in carrying out Soviet desires in Rumania. Secondly, Moscow plans to use the weapon of a trial when it feels the time is ripe to purge those who are no longer vital to its interests.
3. While source does not differentiate between those Russian Communists such as Ana Pauker, who spent the war years in the Soviet Union, returning after the coup d'etat, and those who stayed in Rumania, such as Lucretiu Patrascu, it appears most likely that he is referring to the latter group only.

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